

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 28, 2008. In the Office Action, it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. The alleged species are listed in the Office Action as follows:

1. The delay management unit of figure 9A
2. The delay management unit of figure 9B
3. The delay management unit of figure 9C

In response, the Applicant hereby elects the first alleged species, namely, the delay management unit of figure 9A. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7 and claims 9-17 are readable on the elected species and examination of claims 1-7 and claims 9-17 is respectfully requested. Alternatively, claim 8 is readable on the second and third species, which pertain to the delay management unit of figure 9B and the delay management unit of figure 9C.

The Applicant has taken this action merely to reduce the number of issues in the presently pending application and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of the present application. An action on the merits is hereby respectfully requested.

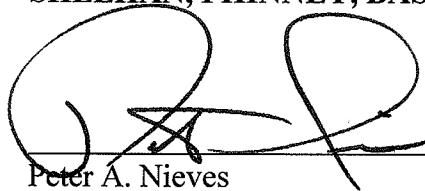
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing and for at least the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and the presently pending claims. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (603) 627-8134.

Respectfully submitted,

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